

12-01-04

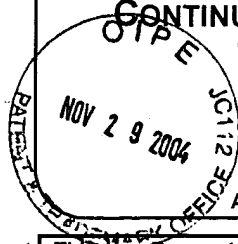
RCE  
IOW

PTO/SB/30 (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<p><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Address to: Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop RCE P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Application Number</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">09/918,365</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Filing Date</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">July 30, 2001</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">First Named Inventor</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Eugene T. Michal</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Art Unit</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">1762</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Examiner Name</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Jennifer Kolb Michener</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Attorney Docket Number</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">50623.00379</td> </tr> </table>	Application Number	09/918,365	Filing Date	July 30, 2001	First Named Inventor	Eugene T. Michal	Art Unit	1762	Examiner Name	Jennifer Kolb Michener	Attorney Docket Number	50623.00379
Application Number	09/918,365												
Filing Date	July 30, 2001												
First Named Inventor	Eugene T. Michal												
Art Unit	1762												
Examiner Name	Jennifer Kolb Michener												
Attorney Docket Number	50623.00379												



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply ( 14 pages)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1850

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Name (Print /Type)	Charles E. Runyan, Jr. Ph.D.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	43,066
Signature		Date	November 29, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as Express mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop RCE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.			
Name (Print /Type)	Patricia Gamble	Date	November 29, 2004
Signature			

12/02/2004 EABUBAK1 00000057 071850 09918365  
01 FC:1801 790.00 DA